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## Local Garden Club To Meet Tuesday

The Agawam Garden Club will meet at 7:45, on Tuesday evening April 12 in the Captain Charles Leonard House. "Consider the Lillies and How They Grow" will be the topic of a talk to be delivered by Mr. Royall W. Bemis, proprietor of the Blackthorn Gardens in Holbrook, Mass.

The subject matter will cover the history, cultural background and diseases of the lily. A slide program will also accompany the lecture, and Mr. Bemis welcomes questions at any time. Five bulbs will be distributed as door prizes during the evening.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting by Mrs. Helen Lawrenchuk, Mrs. Mary Gagliarducci and Mrs. Zoafia Demko.

## St. David's Church Smorgasbord Apr. 23

St. David's Episcopal Church on Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will hold a public supper on Saturday, April 23, starting at 5 with continuous serving.

The smorgasbord will have the following menu: roast turkey, Swedish meatballs, ham, spare ribs and sauerkraut, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, deviled eggs, cole slaw, home baked beans, jello salads tossed salad, assorted home baked pies, coffee, tea or milk. The tickets are \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12.

The supper is sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary and Mrs. Andrew Poggi is the chairman assisted by Mrs. Albert Boissonneault and Mrs. Robert Cheetham.

The proceeds from the supper will go directly to the church to reduce a mortgage on the church property.

## Coin Club Will Elect Officers

The first meeting of the newly formed Agawam Coin Club will be held Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam National Guard Armory on Maynard St.

The program will be the nomination and election of officers and the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. Plans will be discussed on the formation of a Junior Coin Club for teenagers.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Mr. Stone, Box 18, Agawam.

## Western Bank Gains 1783 Places In American Banker's Roster

Western Bank and Trust Co. gained 1783 places on the American Banker's roster of commercial banks in the United States as of Dec. 31, 1965, according to William A. Franks, Jr., executive vice-president and treasurer.

American Banker is considered by many to be the most influen-

The new state sales and use tax law and how it affects manufacturers will be discussed by tax authorities at a regional seminar today 2-4 p.m., Schine Inn, Chicopee.

**EASTER GREETINGS  
TO ALL**

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It is a pleasure to take this opportunity to extend to our many good friends and patrons best wishes for a holy and happy Easter season.

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**Agawam Independent**

## Y.M.C.A. Plan Smorgasbord Apr. 23

The board of directors and key friends of the Agawam Community YMCA will hold a smorgasbord supper in the new cafeteria of the junior high school on Saturday, April 23, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. All funds earned



NICHOLAS ZUCCO

from the smorgasbord will be used to promote the YMCA youth programs.

Chairman of the supper is Nicholas Zucco, widely known for his ability to serve delicious meals. Mr. Zucco has prepared a tempting menu which includes roast beef, baked ham, sliced tur-

key, Swedish meat balls, home baked beans, rigatoni and meat sauce, potato salad, tossed salad, macaroni salad, sharp cheese, dark bread, rolls, butter olives, pickles, homemade cake, coffee, tea and milk.

Arrangements for food preparation will be handled by Nicholas Zucco, James Loomis, Santo Cannarella and John Williams.

Dining room set up and clean up is in charge of Stella Gallerani assisted by Rita Moore and a group of YMCA girls and boys.

Ticket sales are headed by Paul J. Adams, Jr., as chairman and assisted by: Archie Taylor, Playton George, Ernest Swanson, William McLellan, Fred Affleck, Charles Calabrese, John Christopher, Loren Clark, Jean Clifford, Stella Gallerani, Rita Moore, Madeline Negrucci, Leonard Johnson III, Arthur Learay, James Loomis, Anthony Nacewicz, James Pease, Samuel Provo, John Williams, Ralph Webster, Santo Cannarella and Jack Moltenbrey.

A wise variety of home baked cakes will be a special feature of the YMCA Benefit Smorgasbord.

A cordial invitation is extended.  
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## Cynthia Brown Appointed Camp Mill Brook Director

James H. Loomis, chairman of the Camp Committee of the Agawam Community Y.M.C.A., announced today the appointment of Miss Cynthia C. Brown, of South West Street, as director of



CYNTHIA C. BROWN

Camp Mill Brook, the association's day camp for boys and girls.

Miss Brown is a junior at the University of Maine where she is majoring in English, with a minor in Education. She is a member of Phi Mu sorority and captain of the University of Maine Majorettes.

She has had a long association with the local Y.M.C.A. having served as a volunteer instructor

## Danahy School PTA To Meet April 13

The Danahy School Parent Teachers Association will meet on Wednesday evening, the 13th, at 8. Mrs. Leonard Sweeney, president, will preside at the business meeting. The slate of officers for the next year will be presented by the nominating committee. Plans for the annual banquet will be discussed.

The program for the evening will be a Panel Discussion by the School Committee, Joseph A. DellaGuistina, chairman, Francis J. Rosso, F. Joseph Napolitan, Philip J. DeForge, Conrad J. Phillips and Walter A. Balboni.

## Kid Dance Costume Winners



Prizes were awarded for the most appropriate costumes at last Friday's "Kid Dance" for Junior High Students sponsored by the Agawam Community YMCA. Prize winners pictured above from left to right are: Susan O'Donnell, Linda Higgins, Martha Woods, Darrell King, Joseph DeVirgilio, Bruce Cohen. Over 150 7th and 8th graders attended the dance.

## Peirce PTA Annual Fourth Grade Night

The combined Fourth Grades at the Faolin Peirce School will present a Spring Concert at the Parent Teachers Association meeting to be held Wednesday evening the 13th at the school. An important business meeting will precede the program.

Mr. Vincent Valentine, Fourth Grade teacher, is in charge of the program. "Fourth Graders' Night" is an annual event at Peirce School and a highlight of the school year.

After the concert, the Hosaga Indians from Springfield College will entertain. Special refreshments will be served.

## Wallace To Enter Wentworth Institute

Preston Wallace, 90 School St., Agawam, has been accepted for admission to Wentworth Institute in Boston for the 1966-67 academic year, according to announcement by Dr. H. Russell Beatty, Wentworth president.

# CHURCH NEWS

## Agawam Methodist Church

459 Mill Street, Agawam  
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister  
Mrs. Herbert Birns, Organist  
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,  
Sr. Choir Director  
Mrs. Ronald Ashton,  
Jr. Choir Director

Thursday—7:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service; Reception of Youth Membership Class.

Friday—No Junior Choir practice this week; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Union Service with Feeding Hills Congregational Church at our church. Rev. Arthur Sweeney will bring the evening's meditation.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. Worship Service; no Church School, Nursery for infants; 11 a.m. Worship Service; No Youth Group meetings today.

Monday—9:30 a.m. Commissions on Christian Social Concerns and Missions meet at church; No meeting of Lay Leaders in evening as scheduled.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Commission on Education and Church School Teachers meet at church.

Wednesday—7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir practice at church.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor  
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist and Choir Director  
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

Thursday—6:30 p.m. Choralier Choir rehearse at church; 7:30 p.m. A church business meeting in Fellowship House; 8 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service in Sanctuary.

Friday—8 p.m. The Union Good Friday Service with the Agawam Congregational Church will be held at the Baptist Church. Rev. Bryan will preach.

Saturday—11 a.m. Melody Choir rehearse at church.

Sunday—Easter: 9 and 11:30 a.m. Two Morning Worship Services... Rev. Lockhart will preach

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both services; 7 p.m. Easter Baptismal Service in Sanctuary followed by a reception in Fellowship House, open to the public.

Tuesday—7 p.m. Celestial Choir rehearse at church.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open; 7 p.m. ABC Bell Ringers rehearse at church.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister  
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,  
Minister of Music

Thursday—7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service and Communion... Reception of Pastor's Class.

Friday—8 p.m. Good Friday Service at Baptist Church, Rev. Bryan preaching sermon, "What Happened on the Cross."

Saturday—8:45 a.m. Intermediate Choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal.

Sunday—Sun-up Easter Sunday Service at Springfield College; 7:30 a.m. Service, Rev. Bryan preaching sermon, "From Deep Shadow Into Brilliant Light"; 9 a.m. Service, Rev. Bryan preaching, and Nursery Grade 3 as usual; 11 a.m. Service, Rev. Bryan preaching, and Nursery to Grade 3 as usual.

Monday—7:30 p.m. Deacons meeting; 8 p.m. Friendly Workers meet.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Senior High Choir rehearsal.

## FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.  
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor  
Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist

Thursday—8 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service with Confirmation.

Friday—7:30 p.m. United Worship with the Agawam Methodist Church. Rev. Sweeney will preach sermon.

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# Local Optometrist Warns Of Glaucoma Danger

The vital importance to vision of early glaucoma detection was stressed by Dr. Cortland E. Richmond, optometrist of Agawam. "Glaucoma is a serious eye condition in which there is progressive harm to vision often associated with a disturbance in the production and drainage of the fluid which nourishes the inner eyes," said Dr. Richmond. "When detected and when treated early, loss of vision can usually be halted, but if allowed to progress this condition may lead to total blindness. As of now there is no known way to prevent glaucoma. People between the ages of 40 and 60 are the most susceptible but it can occur at other ages also. Regular annual visual examinations by an eye specialist (optometrist or ophthalmologist) are advised for all individuals over 40 years of age.

"Usually the first professional person that the early glaucoma patient sees is his optometrist," stated Dr. Richmond. Optometrists are well qualified to detect all eye conditions. As a part of his examination the optometrist checks for glaucoma. When there are indications of increased eye pressure the optometrist refers the patient to an ophthalmologist for treatment.

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## Lt. Hodges Makes First Solo Flight

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LT. C. HODGES

trainer aircraft while undergoing flight training with Training Squadron Seven at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station in Meridian, Miss.

He "soloed" after having flown approximately 18 hours of dual instruction at the air station's McCain Field.

VT-7 is a basic flight training squadron, using the Buckeye for training future Navy and Marine Corps pilots in basic flight, instrument flying and formation flying.

A graduate of the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., Lt. Hodges entered the service in March, 1965.

## Bazaar Bake Sale On April 16 For St. Francis Chapel

A bazaar and bake sale sponsored by St. Michael's Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis, will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 at the hall of St. Francis Chapel, Bridge St., Springfield.

Miss Frances Simeoli is general chairman of the event with Rev. Noel Scanlon, OFM Cap., spiritual director, and William O'Neil, prefect of the fraternity as honorary chairmen.

Heading various committees are Mrs. Leah Coliman and Mrs. Alphonse Tonsignant, hand-sewn and knit articles; Mrs. M. Lee Fricchione and Miss Hilda Bartolucci, baked goods; Mrs. John Gorey and Mrs. Margaret Kiley, white elephant table; Miss Lillian Manning, gift table; Miss Florence Fortin and Miss Julia Hogan, religious articles; Mrs. Margaret Seymour and Mrs. Margaret Rushby, special prizes; Mrs. Walter Holman and Miss Marjorie Serafino, jewelry; Mrs. Sheila Phaneuf and Mrs. Patrick Mahoney, household items; Miss Margaret Lawton and Roland Brouillet, refreshments; Em-

### LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF AGAWAM  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

April 1, 1966

Sealed bids will be received for the Department of Public Works' ASPHALTS; TARS; EMULSIONS and 30% ROAD OIL until Thursday, April 14, 1966 at 10:30 A.M. at which time bids will be publicly opened and read in the office of the Supt. of Public Works, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Mass. Specifications and proposal form may be obtained at the office of the Supt. of Public Works. The Town of Agawam reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids to be marked "BID FOR DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS' ASPHALTS, OFFICE OF SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS."

DONALD J. CAMPBELL,  
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(April 7)

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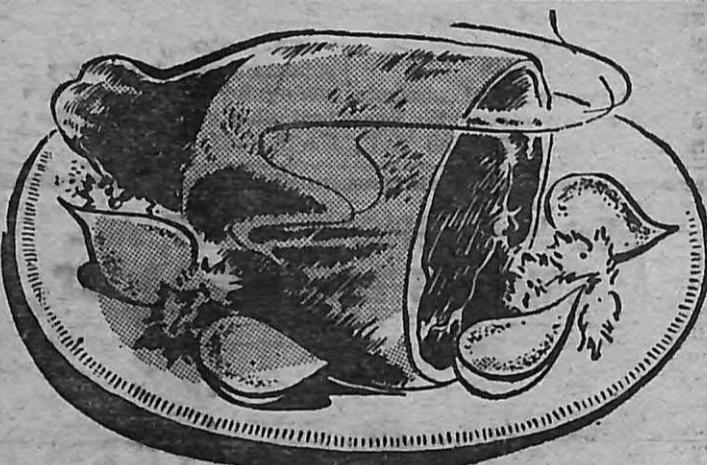
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## Round The Town



By Ann Nael  
phone ST 8-8996

Governor John A. Volpe has awarded 1471 scholarships to undergraduate students for the academic year 1965-1966. The recipients were selected from more than 4400 applicants.

The following local students were among the recipients: Sandra B. Drzyzga, Leeland Ave.,

attending College of Our Lady of the Elms, one award, and John M. Biuso of North St., Feeding Hills, attending St. Michael's College, one award.

James F. Lafond of Mill St., Agawam, attained one of the highest ratings in the Official State Board examinations for Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Lafond will receive a gold medal for scholastic achievement and the Elija Watt Sells certificate for high rating on the national level.

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### SENIOR HIGH

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Tuesday: Veal cutlets w/Creole sauce, mashed potato, buttered peas, rye bread/butter, lemon filled cake w/chocolate icing, milk.

Wednesday: Frankfurt on roll, homemade baked beans, cabbage carrot salad, peanut butter honey sandwich, fruit square, milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, buttered beans, Italian roll w/butter, fruit cocktail, milk.

Friday: Tuna salad sailboat, garden salad, potato chips, deep dish apple pie, milk.

### JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, hamburg on bun, green beans, peanut butter sandwiches, cherry crisp, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, grinders (sliced meat, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese), pickles, potato chips, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, beef stew, carrot celery sticks, butter cake w/chocolate sauce, milk.

Thursday: Juice, Sloppy Joes on bun, buttered corn, peanut butter sandwiches, fruit cup, chocolate cookies, milk.

Friday: Juice, baked macaroni w/cheese, cabbage carrot salad, peanut butter sandwiches, applesauce, peanut butter cookies, milk.

### DANAHY

Monday: Italian spaghetti w/meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, cheese wedge, bread/butter, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, frankfurt on roll, relish, mustard, cole slaw w/carrots, raisin cake square, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, turkey noodle soup w/vegetables, turkey salad sandwich, peanut butter jam sandwich, carrot sticks, prune cake w/topping, milk.

Thursday: mashed potatoes, hamburg gravy, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, pineapple chunks, milk.

Friday: Toasted cheese sandwiches, tossed salad w/tomatoes, potato chips, chewy peanut butter bars, applesauce, milk.

### GRANGER

Monday: Grape juice, grilled frankfurt on buttered bun, relish, mustard, potato chips, cabbage carrot salad, raisin squares, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, fruit milk.

Wednesday: Citrus juice, vegetable beef soup, carrot sticks, meat sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, fresh apple, milk.

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Monday: Orange juice, hamburg on buttered roll, catsup, relish, buttered carrots, cherry crisp, milk.

Tuesday: Meat balls in sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday: Citrus juice, cold cut grinders (ham, cheese, tomato, lettuce), potato chips, sliced pickles, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti w/meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, bread/butter, sliced pineapple, pecan brownie, milk.

Friday: Juice, tuna fish sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, tossed green salad w/spinach and tomatoes, fruited jello /topping, milk.

### SOUTH

Monday: Orange juice, turkey vegetable soup w/noodles, celery sticks, turkey salad on rye bread, fresh orange, milk.

Tuesday: Citrus juice, Italian spaghetti w/meat sauce, pepper-carrot slaw, peanut butter on rye, chocolate cake, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, steamed frankfurt on buttered roll, relish, mustard, buttered peas, peanut butter corn flake cookie, milk.

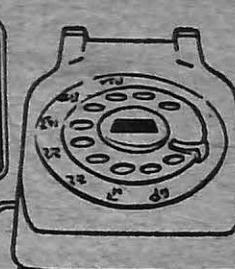
Thursday: Hamburg w/gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, buttered pan biscuit, citrus fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Baked fish cakes, baked beans, catsup, fruit slaw, peanut butter honey on whole wheat bread, pineapple jello w/topping, milk.



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# EASTER

Easter will soon be here again. And, though few may know it, the theme of Easter is older than Christianity itself. In the modern world, it celebrates the Resurrection of Christ. But similar rites were held in times long before He lived. Rituals of rebirth, historian tell us, were common in the ancient civilizations.

Now Easter is greeted with sunrise services, and these date back to the medieval custom of praying while the sun begins its climb into the heavens. One legend holds that the rays of light which break through the clouds on Easter morning are angels dancing for joy. This is, indeed, a happy time—even as it is a time for thoughts on those aspects of life which go far beyond the mere material.

In many communities, elaborate Easter parades are held, and ladies appear in their new finery—a flamboyant Easter hat has become something of a tradition. And then there is one of the most charming of customs—the Easter egg hunt for children. Easter bunnies, the eager children are told, laid the eggs. And this, too, has its origins in antiquity—in pre-Christian times the rabbit was a symbol of abundant new life in the spring season.

Easter thus combines a rich mixture of laughter and solemnity. Both are good—both are needed by the soul of man. Let all enjoy this Easter—and, in enjoying it, pray that the spirit of He who was Resurrected from the dead will some day rule this world.



The semi-monthly dinner meeting of the Agawam Lions Club was held Wednesday evening at the American Legion Home and was presided over by President Kenneth Clouse. The champion Basketball and Hockey teams from the High School were guests of honor, which made this the

second testimonial this year to our athletes, as the football team was entertained on January 5.

Chairman of the annual Ladies' Night Committee, Edwin Arnold, gave a report on this year's event, which will be held Wednesday, May 4th at Geno's Brass Rail in Southwick. Banquet will be at seven o'clock followed by entertainment and dancing.

Board of Directors will meet Monday, April 11, at John Galica's home, 127 Suffield Street.

A classified ad in newspaper: "For sale, complete set of encyclopedias. Never used... Wife knows everything."

## Pestana Enlists

### In USM Reserve

Captain R. J. Perlak, commanding officer of Springfield's Marine Corps Reserve Unit, announced the enlistment of a Feeding Hills man in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve six months training program.

Enlisting was John Pestana, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Splaine of 111 South Westfield St. John is presently a senior at Northampton Commercial College and will graduate in June. Upon graduation he will undergo basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C., and infantry training at Camp Lejeune N. C. He will finish the remainder of his obligation by attending drills each month with Company "C", 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, Springfield.

### Miller Completes

#### Recruit Training

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (FHTNC) — Marine Private Frederick W. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Miller of 358 Meadow St., Agawam, was graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here.

During his eight weeks of intensified recruit training under veteran noncommissioned officer drill instructors, he learned small arms, marksmanship, bayonet fighting and methods of self-protection. He also received in-

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struction in military drill, history and traditions of the Marine Corps, and other academic subjects.

He will undergo four weeks of individual combat training and four weeks of basic specialist training in his military occupational field before being assigned to a permanent unit.



Q. Since Medicare is in effect, should I drop my present health insurance plan?

A. None of the health insurance programs under social security start until July 1, 1966. Don't, because of this new law, cancel any hospital or medical insurance you may now have.

Q. A "Social security representative" called at my home to give me a discount rate on medicare insurance. What is this all about?

A. It sounds like a scheme to defraud. Under no circumstances give such a "representative" money or sign a contract. Examine his identification card closely and report any such offers to the social security district office immediately.

Q. My husband died last year. At age 60 it is difficult for me to find employment. When can I begin receiving widow's benefits?

A. The new law provides for

reduced widow's benefits as early as age 60. Visit your social security district office for further details.

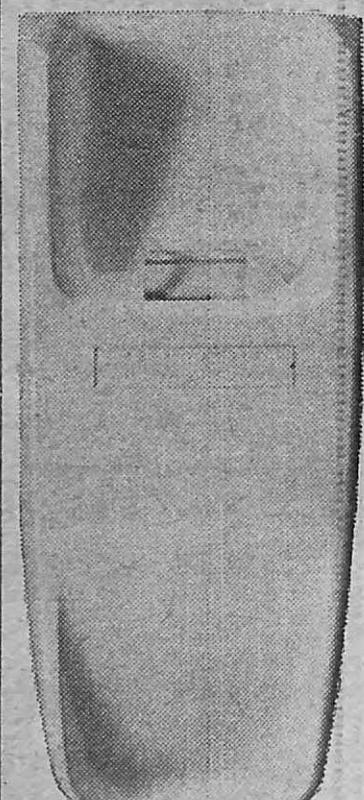
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By Bill Chiba

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**Legislative Kit**

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**Where the Guns Go**

If anyone's in doubt that criminals will always be able to steal guns regardless of how strict firearms laws get, the armed forces—which are not exactly known for leaving things lying about—provide good examples.

At the request of Senator Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the Assistant Secretary of Defense got together some statistics which revealed that more than 10,000 rifles, pistols and shotguns have been filched from various military installations over the past 10 years. Although this was printed in the Congressional Record last Oct. 21, nobody has yet stepped forward to propose that the way to stop this thievery is to disarm the soldiers.

**New Outdoor Guide**

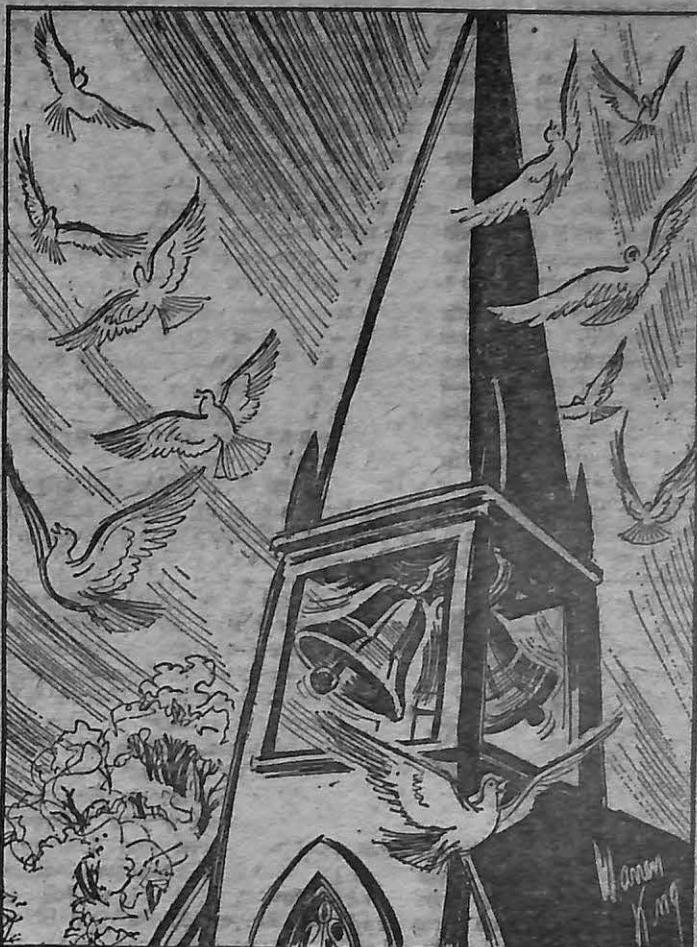
The publication of the latest annual Hunting and Fishing Guide of Northern Quebec has been announced by Sportravel, Ltd., the Canadian specialists in outdoor expeditions. The new illustrated booklet, containing a wealth of information, outlines several outstanding trips to some

of the finest fishing and hunting areas of Northern Quebec. Some practical general information for the non-resident sportsman is also included.

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Like many holidays, Easter comes once again with emphasis in many quarters on material rather than spiritual values.

The donning of new attire for the Easter Parade actually may date back to the days of Emperor Constantine, but regardless of the origin of this custom, it seems that today there is much commercialism in what should be a purely religious day.

While the traditional custom of rolling Easter eggs does not have any particular religious significance, in itself, it does carry out a symbolism and tradition that reminds the entire family of the joyous celebration—that is Easter.

When we don our finery, this Easter Sunday, and attend the services of our choice, let us not forget the true significance of the day. And let's reflect and be thankful that the American tradition of freedom of worship remains inviolate.

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# My Beat — A.H.S.

Jo-Ann Della-Giustina

Hopping rabbits, cleaned lockers, and happy students have made Agawam High School ready for Easter.

Each year, Clean-up Week is held before Easter in order to clean the entire school. This past week has been devoted to cleaning lockers on Monday and Tuesday, and to cleaning all home-rooms on Wednesday. Today, AHS students participated in Dress-up Day, which ended a week of cleaning and began a three-day Easter week-end.

Over 300 happy rabbits have been hopping around the Art Room for more than two weeks. These rabbits were made by art students under the supervision of Miss Schilling, art teacher, will be used to decorate the Holyoke Soldiers Home for Easter. The Agawam High School Red Cross Council, under the direction of Mrs. Krazewski, will decorate the home.

## GUIDANCE NEWS

Mr. William L. Camp, Admission Counselor of Oglethorpe College, will speak at Agawam High on Wednesday, April 13. Oglethorpe College, located in Atlanta, Ga., and founded in 1835, is a small, co-educational, highly accredited college.

## Qualifying Exams

Wednesday, April 13, is the day that many seniors will be taking the Airman's Qualifying Exam at Agawam High. This test, given by U. S. Air Force representatives is not compulsory, but should be taken by any senior boy or girl who wishes to join the armed services after

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## PROMENADERS



By Beryl and Doug Shaylor

graduation. The results of these tests will tell what branch a potential recruit will enter, whether it be administration, radar, police work, electronics, medicine, or any other field.

**COMING EVENTS:** The Student Council Computer Dance will be held on Saturday, April 23!... Gym Show will be presented this month!... Senior Play rehearsals in full swing!... Plans for the Junior-Senior Prom to be held in May are being made!!

## Gamelli Assigned To Dow AFB, Me.

DENVER, Colo. — Airman Third Class Richard J. Gamelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gamelli of 96 Silver Lake Dr., Agawam, has been graduated at Lowry AFB, Colo., from the training course for U. S. Air Force aircraft weapons mechanics.

Airman Gamelli, a graduate of Agawam High School, is being assigned to Dow AFB, Me., for duty with the Air Defense Command.

All Promenader Club members are reminded of the change in schedule for our April dances. Normally the Promenaders dance on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. However, due to Good Friday, this month's dances are scheduled for April 15 and 22.

Our April 15 dance will feature caller Bill Como of South Hadley Falls, Mass. Bill, who is the regular club caller for the Swingin' Teens of South Hadley, is relatively new to the area. This will give area dancers an opportunity to enjoy Bill's fast moving calling and to add his name to their Century Book.

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will be neighbor Joe Prystupa, and Beatrice Newton, Jessie Barrett won the ladies Ace prize and Walter Haggerty was winner for the men.

The following score prizes were awarded to: Ladies—1st Viola Thayer, 2nd Delia Cadorette, 3rd Mary McKay, 4th Ruth Cusson; Men—1st Walter Haggerty, 2nd Henry Cole, 3rd Ed Lancour and 4th Albert Tryon.

Another card party will be held next week—same day—time and place.

## VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The third game in the new series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory on Maynard St. Winners of door prizes were Etta Solters, Betty Dane, Anna McLaughlin and Betty McCarthy.

Mystery prize winners were Frank DeSimone, George Pierce

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**LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS**

by Virginia Catchespaugh

The next regular meeting of the Unit will be held on Monday, April 18 at the Legion Home.

**Smorgasbord**

The next social to be held at the Post Home will be on April 23. Post chairman is Leon Morris and the Auxiliary Committee: Mrs. Pauline Brown, Mrs. Mary Crawford, Mrs. Jean Smith and Mrs. Jane Whalen. The public may purchase tickets for this Scholarship Benefit from the chairman or the committee or at the

**Waste Collections****ROUTE 10**

Friday, April 8 — Alfred Cir., Alfred Ct., Alfred, Autumn, Bailey, Barden, Campbell Dr., Channel Dr., Charles, Clark, Clifton Dr., Congress, Cross, Dartmouth, Deering, Dover, Dyotte, Florida Dr., Forest Rd., Greenwood, Grove, Laura Cir., Lawnwood, Leonard, Meadowbrook Rd., Melrose Pl., Merrell Dr., Morgan, Peros Dr., Roberta Cir., Ruth Ave., Sibley, Simpson Cir., Trinity Ter., Warren and Western Dr.

**ROUTE 1**

Monday, April 11 — Arnold, Broz, Carmen Ave., Cleveland, Coronet Cir., Duclou Dr., Francis, Gale, Grant, Hall, Harding, Homer, James, Letendre Ave., Liberty, McKinley, Maynard, Norman, Norman Terrace Ext., North, Oak Lane, Robin Lane, Sherman Ave., Sylvan Lane, Taft, Walton Lane, Wilbert Ter., Wilson and Woodland.

**ROUTE 2**

Tuesday, April 12 — Acorn, Agnoli Pl., Annable, Aubudon, Bessbrook, Chapin, Cherry, Colemore, Daniel, Day, Eastern Ave., Fenton, Franklin, Fruwirth Ave., Greenock, Hasting, Hayes Ave., Horsham Pl., Lenox, Lincoln, Line, Mooreland, Norwood Oak, Park, Pierce, Portland Pl., Ralph, Ridgeway, Sylvan, White and Witheridge.

**ROUTE 3**

Wednesday, April 13 — Begley Birchwood Ter., Bridge, Brookside Pl., Church, Cooley, Cottage, Dwight, Ellington, George, High, Highland, Hillcrest Ave., Howard, King, King Ave., Laurel, Lexington, Maple, McGrath Ter., Moore, Mulberry, Oak Ave., Oak Hill Ave., Orchard, Ottawa, Pasadena, Prospect River, Scherpa, Spencer, Spring, Summer, Sutton Pl., Tower Ter., Valley, Walnut, Walnut Street Ext. and Winthrop St.

**ROUTE 4**

Thursday, April 14 — Amherst, Barn Rd., Belvedere, Brookline, Columbus, Giffin Pl., Greenacres Lane, Henry, Highland, Homestead Ave., Keating, Kensington, Mill, Morris, Norris, Northwood, Randall, Rhodes Ave., Rowley, Royal, Royal Lane, Springfield, Twin Oaks Rd. and William St.

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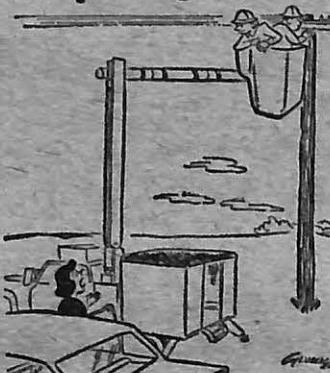
The next-of-kin of Reservists and National Guardsmen killed traveling to or from their military training can claim reimbursement up to \$250 of the burial expenses of some servicemen killed in travel accident prior to the passage of the new GI Bill.

The Veterans Administration said this week, that it will now honor applications for this reimbursement provided the death

was not longer than two years ago and even though it occurred prior to the passage of the new bill. The burial allowance now applies also to veterans killed returning home from military discharge centers.

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